

General Certificate of Secondary Education
Religious Studies (World Religions)
Sikhism 1
Specimen Paper

B581

Time: 1 hour

Candidates answer on the question paper.
Additional materials: None

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any **TWO** questions; you must answer all parts (a-c) of the two questions that you choose.
- Do not write in the bar codes.
- Do not write outside the box bordering each page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **48**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed throughout the paper
- Should you need more space to write your answers there is an extra page at the end of the paper.
- If you need to use this extra page you must number your answers clearly.

This document consists of **8** printed pages.

Answer **TWO** questions (a, b and c parts should be answered for **each** question).

- 1 (a)** Describe a visit to the Darhar Sahib at Amritsar.

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- (b)** Explain why Khalistan is important to many Sikhs.

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(c) 'Visiting the Darhar Sahib is important for all Sikhs.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer

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2 (a) Give an account of how the Khalsa began.

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(b) Explain the importance of the Khalsa for Sikhs today.

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(c) 'Sikhs should fight for their religion.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer

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Extra Answer Space

Clearly label which question you are answering.

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Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
1(a)	<p>Describe a visit to the Darhar Sahib at Amritsar.</p> <p>Candidates may describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> visiting the Darhar Sahib (Golden Temple) is not technically a pilgrimage but a yatra; specific details about the temple; the causeway; the pool of nectar; the Akal Takht; various shrines around the outside of the pool; the procession of the Guru Granth Sahib Ji on a palanquin between the Golden Temple and the Akal Takht. 	[6]
1(b)	<p>Explain why Khalistan is important to many Sikhs.</p> <p>Candidates will need to explain what Khalistan is – the Sikh homeland. Answers may include explanation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khalistan in its historical and religious context; current arguments about its status; the majority of Sikhs now live outside of the Punjab and that many do not support the desire for a homeland in Khalistan. 	[6]
1(c)	<p>‘Visiting the Darhar Sahib is important for all Sikhs.’</p> <p>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer</p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> it is not essential because it is not required by the faith; Guru Nanak Dev Ji opposed pilgrimages; many people may find spiritual benefits in making a visit to places such as Amritsar. 	[12]
Question Total		[24]
2(a)	<p>Give an account of how the Khalsa began.</p> <p>Candidates may give an account of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guru Gobind Singh Ji’s actions including testing the faith of his Sikh followers and the Panj Pyare – the five volunteers who appeared to give their lives for their faith at the festival of Basiakhi in Anandpur. Based on this story they can describe the establishment of the Khalsa. 	[6]
2(b)	<p>Explain the importance of the Khalsa for Sikhs today.</p> <p>Answers might explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the ceremony in which Sikhs join the Khalsa; 	[6]

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2(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the idea of commitment to the faith; the strength which the Khalsa brings to it; only a minority of Sikhs join the Khalsa; the requirement for Khalsa Sikhs always to observe the Five Ks; the extra regulations of the code of conduct for Khalsa Sikhs. <p>‘Sikhs should fight for their religion.’ Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer</p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consideration of what is meant by ‘fight’; some responses may be that fighting does not have to be physical; consideration of why the Sikhs have sometimes been described as a fighting people and what this means. 	[12]
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3(a)	<p>Give an account of the life of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.</p> <p>Answers might be about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> his birth as a Hindu; the special gifts which he displayed at school; his rejection of the sacred thread; his disappearance and reappearance at the river; his travels and the various countries and sacred places which he visited; his founding of the first Sikh community and the example he set for others by doing manual work there; the method in which he chose his successor. 	[6]
3(b)	<p>Explain why Guru Nanak Dev Ji is important for Sikhs today.</p> <p>Answers may explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> as the first guru, he was the founder of Sikhism; his teachings in the Guru Granth Sahib Ji; the example he set for others the establishment of the langar and the great significance which this has in all gurdwaras today in particular in stressing Sikh teachings on equality and putting them into practice. 	[6]
3(c)	<p>‘The Guru Granth Sahib Ji is more important for Sikhs today than any of the human gurus.’ Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer</p>	

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	Answers may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Guru Granth Sahib Ji is the living Guru for Sikhs today without the life and teachings of the human gurus the book itself would not exist. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> many of the teachings in the Guru Granth Sahib Ji come from the Gurus themselves. 	[12]
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Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)

Question	AO1	AO2	Total
1(a)	6		6
1(b)	6		6
1(c)		12	12
2(a)	6		6
2(b)	6		6
2(c)		12	12
3(a)	6		6
3(b)	6		6
3(c)		12	12
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